

MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES

CHATEAU *Puy-Blanquet*



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Saint-Émilion, France
Vintage: 2018

Overview

Overlooking the Dordogne valley in the heart of Saint-Etienne de Lisse, Château Puy-Blanquet has northern and eastern blocks that enjoy the morning sunshine. There are 49.42 acres of planted vines on soils of clay and chalk.

Château Puy-Blanquet was known as one of the best Saint-Émilion Grand Crus as early as the 19th century, and was awarded a part of the collective gold medal bestowed upon a selection of Saint-Émilion chateaux at the Paris Exposition of 1889.

Today, the vineyard is owned by the Jacquet family and managed by Pierre Meunier, who was trained by Ets. Jean-Pierre Moueix.

Winemaking

A respect for tradition and quality is what makes Puy-Blanquet special. Instead of following the trend, vineyard manager Pierre Meunier has continued plowing the soils to ensure optimal maturity of the fruit. Green harvesting, leaf cropping and harvesting are done by hand.

Tasting Notes

The wines are fresh and generous and can be enjoyed after just a two or three years of cellaring.

Harvest Notes

Winter and spring were very rainy. A late budbreak allowed most to avoid a spring frost. The flowering went well and the potential quality was significant. The rainy spring caused a severe attack of mildew, which was thwarted thanks to constant vigilance in the vineyard. The summer was hot, dry and sunny. Véraison took place from July 26th to August 12th. The main characteristic of this vintage was the 1,136 hours of sunshine between June and September, a notable record of the past fifty years.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc
Average Vine Age: 25 years
Aging: 12 months partly in oak barrels (10% new)